

News Release

Central District Health Department and Boise Area Rotary Clubs Plan Celebration of National Infant Immunization Week

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Central District Health Department (CDHD) and Boise area Rotary Clubs are teaming up to promote National Infant Immunization Week, April 22 – 28, 2001.

On Saturday, April 21st, a free childhood immunization clinic and healthy kids celebration will be held from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Community Christian Center Gym, 202 E. 42nd Street in Garden City. The event will include games, prizes, an astro jump, fire truck, face painting, refreshments, characters, and a clown. There is no charge. Those seeking immunizations should bring ALL immunization records. The Garden City Interline Bus will run its regular route from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

National Infant Immunization Week will be celebrated at Central District Health Department immunization clinics in Boise, Mountain Home, McCall, and also Boise County April 23rd - 27th. Goody bags will be given to all children receiving immunizations. Door prizes will be awarded, also. Special entertainment activities, including a fire truck, storytellers, and a puppeteer, are scheduled to be at the CDHD main office, 707 N. Armstrong Place, in Boise.

Cindy Howarth, CDHD Immunization Supervisor, states, "We are pleased to partner with local Rotary Clubs in the promotion of childhood immunizations. The accomplishments of immunizations in this nation are an incredible health success. Diseases such as polio, diphtheria, tetanus, and measles were serious health threats in previous generations. Thanks to the effective use of vaccines, many infectious diseases – once common in this country, seldom threaten the lives of children today."

Central District Health Department and Boise Area Rotary Clubs encourage parents to review their children's immunization records to determine if they are up to date with the current recommended immunization schedule. If immunizations are needed, we encourage participation in the special events planned for National Infant Immunization Week.

For more information about immunizations, the recommended immunization schedule, and special events planned for National Infant Immunization Week, visit **www.cdhd.org**.

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